

coercion: whom will you make your inquisitors? Fallible men; men governed by bad passions, by private as well as public reasons. And why subject it to coercion? To produce uniformity. But is uniformity of opinion desirable? No more than of face and stature. * * * Difference in opinion is advantageous in religion. The several sects perform the office of a censor over each other. Is uniformity attainable? Millions of innocent men, women and children, since the introduction of Christianity have been burnt, tortured, fined, imprisoned; yet we have not advanced one inch towards uniformity. (From "Notes on Virginia," 1782. F. III., 265.)

UNION.—We are now represented in General Congress by members approved by this House where the former union, it is hoped, will be so strongly cemented that no partial applications can produce the slightest departure from the common, cause. We consider ourselves as bound in honor, as well as interest, to share one general fate with our sister colonies; and should hold ourselves base deserters of that union to which we have acceded, were we to agree on any measure distinct and apart from them. (From an address to Governor Dunmore, of Virginia, 1775. F. L> 45&)

UNION.—I learn from our delegates that the Confederation is again on the carpet, a great and a necessary wish, but I fear almost desperate. The point of representation is what most alarms me, as I fear the great and the small colonies are bitterly determined not to cede (yield). Will you be so good as to collect the former proposition I made you in private and try if you can work it into some good to serve our Union. (To John Adams, 1777. F. II., 130.)

UNION.—The interests of the States ought to be made joint in every possible instance in order to cultivate the idea of our being one nation, and to multiply the instances in which the people shall look up to Congress as their head. (To James Monroe, written from Paris, 1785. F. IV., 52.)

UNION.—We shall never give up our Union, the last anchor of our hope, and that alone which is to prevent this heavenly country from becoming an arena of gladiators. Much as I